

### Edwards Votes Against Efforts to Withdraw U.S. Forces from Afghanistan

(Washington, D.C.) –U.S. Representative Chet Edwards voted against three separate attempts to amend the bill funding U.S. military operations in Afghanistan that would have eliminated or restricted funding for military operations in Afghanistan and forced an early withdrawal of American troops from the region.

*“I am strongly opposed to any effort that would undermine the mission of our troops in Afghanistan and hinder them from making progress against the enemy. Afghanistan is where terrorists plotted to kill Americans on September 11<sup>th</sup> and they remain committed to killing Americans today.*

*While the challenges we face in Afghanistan are significant, I believe we have an obligation to give Gen. Petraeus the resources he needs to see this mission through to ensure the safety and security of the American people,”* said **Edwards, Co-chair of the House Army Caucus and Chairman of the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee**.

The amendments failed on bipartisan votes of 376 to 25, 321 to 100, and 260 to 162. Edwards voted for the overall legislation funding war efforts in Afghanistan, which passed the House July

1<sup>st</sup> and includes his request for a \$16.5 million to build a new Soldier Readiness Center (SRC) at Fort Hood to replace the site of the tragic shooting on November 5, 2009 where 12 soldiers and 1 Army civilian were killed and 30 wounded.

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Edwards represents District 17 in Congress.